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Hams Who Serve
Picnics & Public Service

From The Prez
Toby, WJ8O

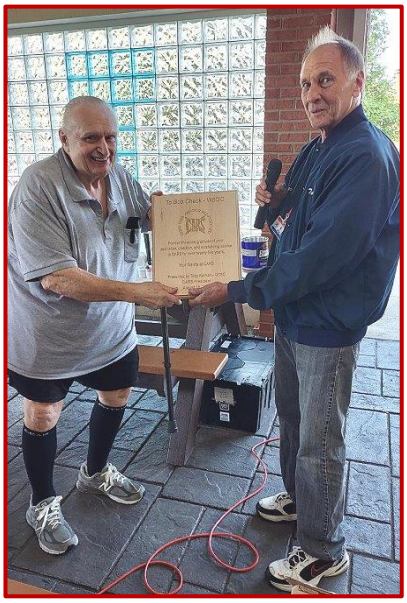
CARS Summer Picnic

The 16th annual CARS summer picnic was held Friday, August 18th at the Kiwanis pavilion in Independence turned out splendidly. The attendance surpassed past picnics with CARS members, their relatives, and friends attending. Two of the guests traveled from their homes in New Jersey and Virginia to attend. Newest member of the CARS extended family, John, the son of Kim Balach Costa, KD8FTU, delighted everyone with his presence. Making it all as close to perfect as possible the evening was sunny and warm with a gentle summer breeze.

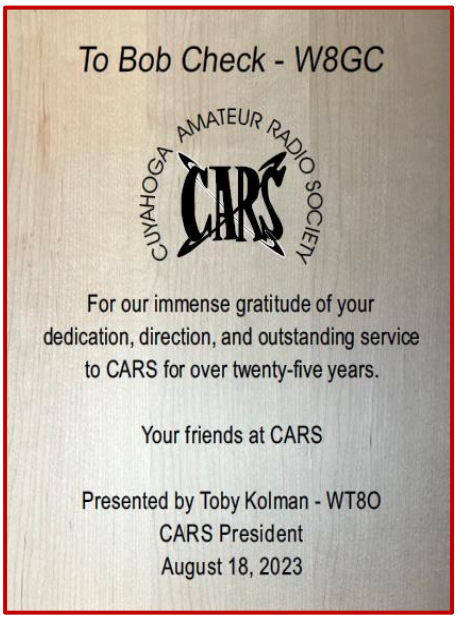
These events don't just happen, they require planning and people power to be successful. Special thanks to Mark, WJ8WM, for expertly grilling the burgers, brats, and dogs. He took the day off work to help me shop for the food, supplies, and gifts traveling to three different stores. In addition to all that work, Mark lugged a gas grill from home to avoid the lousy charcoal grilles that never get hot enough and brought a cornhole game and Jarts for those inclined to play. Another Mark, KC8ESG, operated the 2 meter station I provided and set up to receive the contacts from those calling in and logging over 20 contacts eligible to win a prize. Ron, K8RJH, stocked up on pop, water, and ice making sure everyone was refreshed and procured an additional cooler to make sure all the soft drinks were kept cold. Ron also took most of the pictures we are using in this issue for all to enjoy and allowing those who missed the picnic to see what transpired. Hats off to Joe, KD8BAL, for stepping up at the last minute to take over the 50/50 raffle. Mostly, we thank the guests who brought their homemade delicacies of side dishes and desserts, and of course, to all those members, families, and friends who attended.

One great aspect of the picnic is that members meet each families and vice versa. Over the years, many long term friendships have been formed between the CARS members' families.

The high point of the evening was the special recognition of CARS treasurer and past president Bob Check, W8GC. We awarded Bob a beautiful plaque to express our gratitude to him for all he has done for CARS.



Bob check, W8GC, receives a plaque symbolic of all he has done for CARS throughout the many years he has been instrumental with his contributions that have made CARS one of the finest amateur radio clubs in existence.

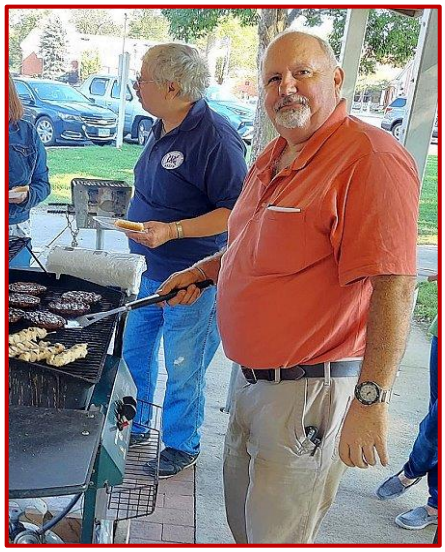

To Bob Check - W8GC
CUYAHOGA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
CARS
For our immense gratitude of your dedication, direction, and outstanding service to CARS for over twenty-five years.
Your friends at CARS
Presented by Toby Kolman - WT8O
CARS President
August 18, 2023

The actual plaque that was awarded to Bob.

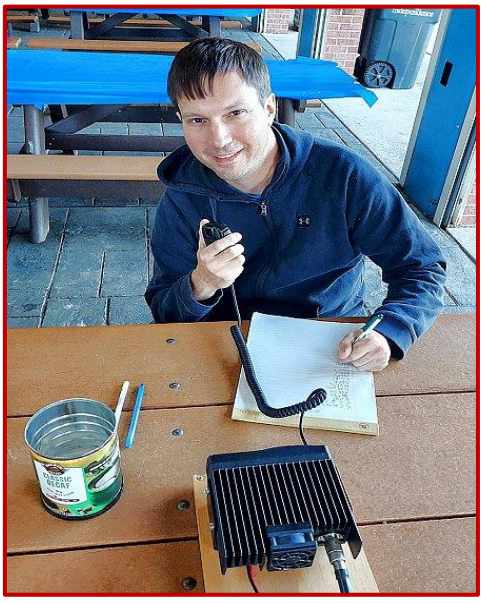
Back to Busch

Another reminder to everyone, we will hold our September meeting at the Busch Community Room in Parma. The address is 7501 Ridge Road, just south of Pleasant Valley Road. There is a link to a map on the CARS website home page.

We will be treated to a presentation by Bob Robbins, K8RGI, who will demonstrate his remote ham station. Bob is one of our most technically knowledgeable members and his station is leading edge. I saw the set-up at his home and was so impressed I requested he share it with fellow members at a meeting program. This is one you don't want to miss.



Mark, WJ8WM, delighted the picnicers with his expertise at the grille.



Mark, KC8ESG, did an outstanding job operating the portable call-in station.

August 2023 Meeting Minutes

LOCATION — The meeting was held on August 8th, at the Harriett Keeler Picnic Pavilion in the Brecksville Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks.

CALLED TO ORDER — The meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, at 7:32 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Those present pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

INTRODUCTIONS — Those present introduced themselves. 19 individuals attended the meeting, including one non-member.

JULY MINUTES — The July minutes were approved as published in the *WO.*

TREASURER'S REPORT — Matt Perlman, KE8OZU, reported on the Club's current financial situation. No issues or concerns were identified.

Another perfect summer evening for the last of our picnic meetings.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Toby Kolman, WT8O, reported the following:

- Mike Toth, KB8RKF, recently became a silent key.
- The majority of club members want email addresses and cell phone numbers included on the Club roster available through the website (https://2cars.org).
- The summer picnic will be held August 18th at 5:00 PM at the Kiwanis Pavilion in Independence, Ohio. Please let Toby know if you plan to attend. Additional details can be found on the Club website (https://2cars.org/PDF/2023-picnic-flyer.pdf).
- Several Club positions need to be filled. The open positions include holiday party committee chair and photographer. Toby is chairing the summer picnic committee.
- Thanks to everyone for their *WO* contributions. Articles can be about anything of interest to members, including vacations and new equipment. Photos are especially welcome.

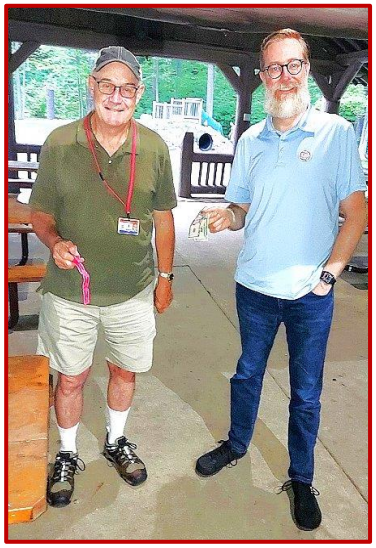
VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Ron Hollas, K8RJH, reported the following:

- Consider joining the ARRL through CARS so the Club receives a commission. The value of membership includes long standing, growing services, public service, education, advocacy, and technology access.
- The ARRL is advocating for amateur radio by opposing the Shortwave Modernization Coalition (SMC). Additional information can be found on the ARRL website in the "Regulatory & Advocacy" section.
- ARRL dues are set to increase from $49/year to $59/year. Additionally, print copies of ARRL monthly publications, like *QST*, will cost $25/year
- Check out the latest ARRL podcast on "Passing Traffic".
- ARRL audio news is posted every Friday.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — Matt Perlman, KE8OZU, had nothing to report.

PUBLIC SERVICE — Arp, K8ARP, reported the following:

- N8ESG, https://n8esg.org/, has a full list of events.
- The Club Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/CuyahogaAmateurRadioSociety) has 800 followers. A link to the *WO* will be posted to Facebook monthly.
- The Buckeye Breakaway, from Cleveland to Sandusky and back, is this weekend.
- The Cleveland Triathlon is this Saturday and will use the CARS repeater for communication.
- Bike Cleveland Fundo is August 26.
- The Century Ride, a private group 100 mile bike ride, is September 2.
- The Geauga County Fair is Labor Day weekend.
- The September ARES meeting will be held at the Cuyahoga EOC.
- If you support any events, please take pictures.



Matt, NU8H, was all smiles winning the 50/50 as Andy, KD8SCV, handed him the cash.

VE UPDATE — Metro, W8MET, reported that the VE session July 9th resulted in two new technicians and one technician to general upgrade. The next VE session will be at 9:15 AM on September 10th at the Old Rec Center in Independence.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE — Joe, KD8BAL, reported that upcoming presentations for CARS meetings include:

- Today's program is Dan Valaski presenting on the Cleveland Metroparks. Thanks to Bob, KC8MRC, and Ron, K8RJH, for helping with this today's program.
- September's program is TBA. *[Bob Robbins, K8RGI, will demonstrate his remote station. Ed.]*
- Please contact Joe with ideas for future programs.

TECH COMMITTEE — Toby, WT8O, reported that there were recently some changes to the repeater voter, which should minimize problems during the weekly net. The Parma repeater site has been shut down.

REFRESHMENTS — Toby, WT8O, thanked Ron, K8RJH, for providing soft drinks, Matt, NU8H, for providing doughnuts and John, NU8Y, for providing coffee.

OLD BUSINESS — Toby, WT8O, led a discussion on the following:

- The Club will be forming a committee, led by Mark, KC8ESG, to determine if a 10 meter net will be established. The Woodchucks were unsuccessful with a 10 meter net. Another local club was able to make a 10 meter net work, possibly because the net control was in Mentor.
- The summer picnic will be held August 18th at 5:00 PM at the Kiwanis Pavilion in Independence, Ohio. Please let Toby know if you plan to attend. Additional details can be found on the Club website (https://2cars.org/PDF/2023-picnic-flyer.pdf). There will be a call in station and an HF station operated by Mark, KC8ESG. Toby will provide the equipment. Mark, WJ8WM, will bring Jarts. Matt, NU8H, will bring bocce, horseshoes, and corn hole.

NEW BUSINESS — Toby, WT8O, led a discussion on the following:

- One of the suggestions during the Field Day wrap up was to encourage more field events throughout the year. This may include International Lighthouse, Winter Field Day, and Parks on the Air.
- Toby is looking for new badge designs. Please contact him with ideas.
- Toby is investigating options for a print version of the *WO*. The cost is TBD. There was low interest from the Club.
- CARS clothing is available through HamThreads (https://www.hamthreads.com/).
- David, AC8TN, reported that there was a preliminary CW class meeting before the Club meeting. The class will start in mid-September. All are welcome. The goal is to get to 15-20 words per minute, to be ready to operate during Field Day and to hold a QSO.

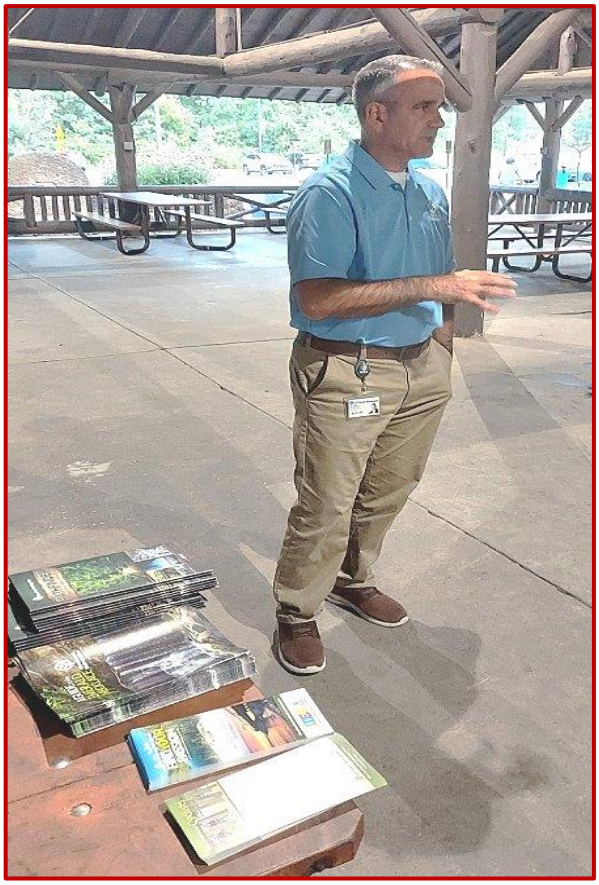
NEXT MEETING — The next meeting of The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society will be September 12th, 2023 at the Busch Funeral Home on Ridge Road in Parma, Ohio.

50/50 Drawing — Matt, NU8H, won the 50/50 drawing.

ADJOURNMENT — Toby, WT8O, adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

After the meeting, Dan Valaski, the Manager for Outreach, Engagement, and Inclusion, of the Cleveland Metroparks System, presented on the Cleveland Metroparks.

Submitted by Matt Perlman, KE8OZU, CARS Secretary



Dan Valaski from the Metroparks gave one of the best programs we've ever had and passed out some very interesting literature.

The antenna set-up used during the summer picnic.

CARS Repeaters

146.820 (-) PL Tone 110.9

Analog Repeater

Main Site – Brecksville

Receive Only Site – Brunswick

Receive Only Site – Shaker Hts.

Allstar Node 47067

EchoLink Node 343470 (K8ZFR-R)

WIRES X Node 91242 Room 01242

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443.825 (+) PL Tone 131.8

Digital Yaesu Fusion

Linked to 146.820 Repeater

Brecksville

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444.75 (+) PL Tone 131.8

Analog Repeater

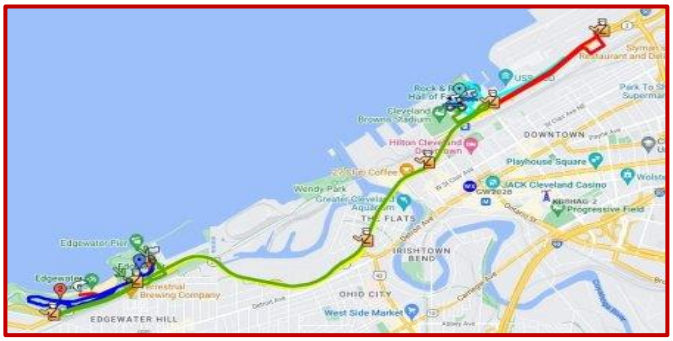
Not Linked to Other Repeaters

Shaker Hts.

CARS Members Support the 2023 Tri CLE Rock Roll Run

Ron, K8RJH

The Tri CLE Rock Roll Run is a premier annual event for Amateur Radio operators to demonstrate communication and public service skills for our local community. This annual Triathlon event is hosted through a local partnership with the City of Cleveland and the Cleveland Metroparks. The Saturday, August 12th event consisted of nine major races of Three Triathlon, three Duathlon, and three Aquabike categories all sanctioned by USA Triathlon, Team USA rules and governance.



Race organizers and public safety officials monitored this year's Triathlon route progress using APRS in real time. Several amateurs were equipped with APRS Beacons that tracked bikers / runners progress following the participants and providing the race organizers with real time course progress.

View of Saturday morning race day sunrise at Edgewater Park. The conditions and temperature were perfect for the 2023 Tri CLR Rock Roll Run participants.

Stretching from Downtown Cleveland into Edgewater Park Amateur Radio provided the core communication and situational awareness capabilities for this event. The Triathlon bike and running courses this year again used Amateur VHF/UHF Voice and APRS (Amateur Radio Positioning System) providing the Marathon Race organizers with real time conditions and race progress updates.

The popular Tri CLE Rock Roll Run has many opportunities to meet new people. Here I have made acquaintances with the Men's "Edgewater Brick Runners" club who were attending this event. (I am the one holding an HT, everyone else has a real brick.)

The flow of bikers to Edgewater Park were continuous early in this event. One can note the unique "whirr" that these competitive bikes make as they quickly pass by.

Twelve amateur operators volunteered in this Saturday morning event from the local Cleveland area, of which three are active CARS members. These CARS club members participating in this year's Triathlon were Chuck Mehozonek, K8CVM; Robert Wright, KE8CEO, and Ron Hollas, K8RJH. The K8ZFR 444.75 Club Repeater was part of the communications plan being the backup channel for this event.

I enjoyed the assignment of directly supporting the course operations with mobile communications for this year's race stationed at a popular water stop positioned in Edgewater Park.

UH Sports Medical Physicians monitored and provided aid to the Triathlon participants at various strategic locations throughout the course. Mobile aid was also available to any athlete that had a problem or issue running the course. Here is one medical station that was positioned at the Edgewater water stop.

The communication's coordination is managed by the N8ESG Emergency Support Group, which seamlessly interfaced with local public safety, fire, and medical resources from the Cleveland, Metroparks and University Hospital safety agencies. Here Matt Nickoson, KC8NZJ, is packing up the net control van at the conclusion of this year's event

By any metric, this year's Cleveland Trilithon was a success. It gave me a chance to further improve my operating skills, meet new local area amateurs, and provide community support for a local event. Again, I recommend this annual public service event for any amateur who would like to experience volunteering their operating skills at a large event for the first time.

For Additional Information.
Tri CLE Rock Roll Run" Event and Planning - https://rockrollrun.com/
Amateur Radio (ARES) and Volunteer Scheduling - https://n8esg.org

September VE Session

The next VE testing session will be held Sunday, September 10th, at **9:15 AM*** at the Old Elmwood Recreation Center, 6200 Pete Wisniesky Parkway, Independence 44131. Directions and a map are on the CARS website homepage. For information or an appointment please contact Metro, W8MET, at 216-520-1320 or metro351@sbcglobal.net

As always, walk-ins are welcome.

***Please note time change to 9:15 AM.**

Mike Toth, KB8RKF/SK
Toby, WT8O

Sadly, we must report long-time CARS member Mike Toth, KB8RKF, passed away August 8th as the result of a hemorrhagic stroke. Club members were immediately notified of his death and memorial service information via email. Our sunshine ambassador sent a condolence card to his family.

I met Mike on the Mather Museum Ship when CARS had an amateur station in the ship's old radio shack. He introduced himself as a volunteer on the ship and a CARS member. With his captivating smile, that I will never forget, he asked if there was anything he could do to help. We teamed up to finish some details getting the station ready for the upcoming Lighthouse Weekend contest. Mike and several other club members worked the contest feeling pretty confident we would score well having the advantage of activating two separate lighthouses that were both in the line of sight from the Mather's radio room. It was great to work with a guy that was skilled and ambitious at the mic, yet mannerly with the contacts and his fellow operators. Being outgoing, yet not overbearing was a rare quality Mike possessed.

Soon after, Mike was part of the CARS team doing communications for the Diabetes Association fund raising walk-a-thon in Downtown Cleveland; same guy, same quality performance, same unassuming attitude. After the event, a group of us sat together at the volunteer's lunch. Mike's smile never left his face as he joined in the conversation frequently, but never dominating. That's how Mike conducted himself when he regularly participated in public service events. He was always a pleasure to work with.

Mike contributed to our Field Day effort by repairing the tri-fold picture display board we used on the public information table. He reconstructed the flimsy piece turning it into a solid structure needing two men and a boy to carry and impervious to gale force winds. In preparation, he came to my home and spent a few hours going through my collection of CARS photos, downloading them, and later having his selections printed so he could mount them. Mike stored the display at his home and always transported it to our Field Day site and our table at the Cleveland Hamfest.

Much more than the efforts he put into club activities, Mike's positive and pleasant demeanor will remain as his legacy to fellow CARS members.

Rest in peace Old Man.

POW-MIA-KIA

From September 9th until September 17th, from 0000 Z-2359 Z, Linda, N8LRS, and Metro, W8MET, will take time to remember our POW's, MIA's and KIA's for their 8th year.

Details are at www.qrz.com/db/k4mia . They will use call letters K4MIA/8.

The Key From the Past
John, NV8Y

As a kid I grew up in Mayfield Heights, on the east side of Cleveland. Back then there wasn't much there, it was kind of rural. We had a 5 and 10 cent store, Eagle Supermarket, Franklin's Ice Cream, Olson Electronics store, and a few others. I used to go into Olson's and look around in amazement at all the electronic gadgets and doo-dads, not having a clue of what I was even looking at. My brother Jim and I would sometimes buy the mystery grab bags that were full of small parts and just dissect them or pretend they were something else. We were just grade school kids and knew nothing about electronics (not much has changed).

Our father worked in construction and was familiar with house wiring, but he was not familiar with electronics. One Christmas he bought us each a large surprise box from Olson Electronics. The box was full of all kinds of stuff they probably couldn't sell otherwise. We had no idea what most of it was.

Some sixty plus years later I was visiting Jim at his home in Virginia. We were sitting in his office, and I just happened to look over at his bookshelf and I spotted something from the past. Somehow, I recognized the bright red and white box and the SW-134 marking on the end. I asked him if that box was the telegraph key that we each got in the surprise package from Olson Electronics when we were kids. He laughed, said it was, and told me to take it. He said he didn't even know why he still had his. The key brought back childhood memories and gave us lots to laugh about.

Here is a picture of the vintage Olson "TELEGRAPH KEY with BUZZER" that now resides in my office.

Next CARS Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 12 - 7:30 PM

Busch Community Room

7501 Ridge Rd. - Parma

Bob Robbins, K8RGI

Will present a program on:

Remote Operation

See Website for Details - www.2cars.org

W1AW / 8 Ohio Activation

"If you live in or would like to visit Ohio from August 30 to September 6, we would love to have you activate W1AW/8. For details, links to the online schedule, and a form to request operating slots, visit tiny.cc/w1aw8-info.

Note- you do not need to be an ARRL official/volunteer to activate W1AW/8.

If you cannot be an activator or will not be in Ohio, please use the online schedule (tiny.cc/w1aw8) to work us."

“We will be having a live Zoom meeting on the W1AW/8 Operation Wednesday, August 16th, at 8 PM. The meeting will also be recorded for later viewing. Zoom session will cover scheduling, operating practices, logging contacts (including examples of common logging programs), extracting .ADIF files from logging software or WSJT-X to submit your contacts and Q&A.”

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT

Ohio Section Youth Coordinator & Education Outreach ARRL

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“Our time is coming up quickly! The first link below will take you to a link that will take you to a document with all the information you will need for a successful W1AW / 8 Ohio operation. Lots of good information is contained on this page and if it’s not right there, you’ll find a link to take you to where you can get the additional information you might need. If you missed last evening’s ZOOM Presentation, it’s posted on YouTube, and the second link below will take you there. There are still lots of open slots for you to secure for your operation, but they’re going fast, so don’t wait.”

>>tiny.cc/w1aw8-info<<

>> https://youtu.be/r9a3-sAT6Mk<<

73,

Tom, WB8LCD

ARRL Ohio Section Manager

September Net Sked

Sept	6	WT8O
Sept	13	K8RJH
Sept	20	KD8ACO
Sept	30	AC8NW

Nets are run every Wednesday at 9:00 PM on:

146.820 (PL 110.9)

443.825(+) PL Tone 131.8
Digital Yaesu Fusion / C4FM
Linked to the 146.82 Repeater

EchoLink Node 343470 (K8ZFR-R)

Allstar Node 47067

WIRES X Node 91242-Room 01242

Buckeye Breakaway
Toby, WT8O

The **Bike MS Buckeye Breakaway** (formerly Pedal to the Point) is a two-day bicycle ride from Berea to Sandusky, Ohio with different one-day and two-day mileage options for riders of all experience levels. The fundraiser event is organized by and benefits the local Ohio Buckeye Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

CARS members Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS, and Toby Kolman, WT8O, supported the event with radio communications and rider assistance.

Some participants' idea of a rest stop varied from mainstream thinking.

The rest stops provided food, drink, and creature comforts.

Volunteers from the MS society had a great selection of refreshments for the riders.

Honorary Members

Any person who by nature of outstanding or meritorious contribution to the furtherance of amateur radio and the ideals of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society

Robert Check, W8GC
Elected 2/10/15

Thomas Wayne, WB8N
Elected 1/10/17

Dwaine Modock, K8ME, SK
Elected 5/9/17

Toby Kolman, WT8O
Elected 10/10/17

Jerry Smith, NW9H
Elected 5/8/18

Ron Borkey, K8VJG, SK
Elected 5/14/19

Ed Stevens, WB8ROK, SK
Elected 8/10/21

2023 CARS Summer Picnic

Bob, W8GC, and XYL Betty.

Sherr Kolman and MaryEllen Blair, visiting from New Jersey; with Cathy Pillatt and Mark, WJ8WM, in background.

Matt, KE8OZU, his XYL Erica, and son Sam.

Karen Autry was delighted winning a Home Depot gift card.

Dave, WD8IOU, his XYL Karen, and George, K8KR.

Linda, N8LRS, and Metro W8MET.

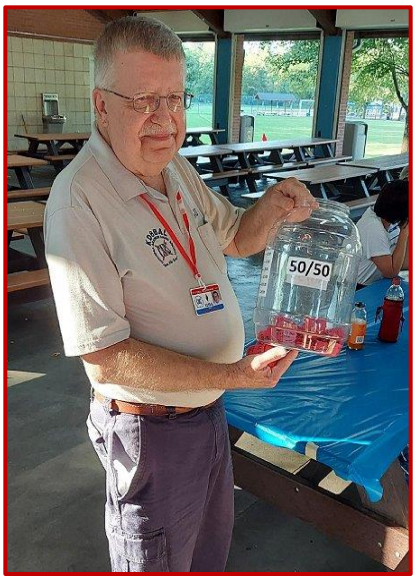
Kim Smith was the winner of a Cabela's gift card.

Esther Hollas was on a roll winning the 50/50 raffle.

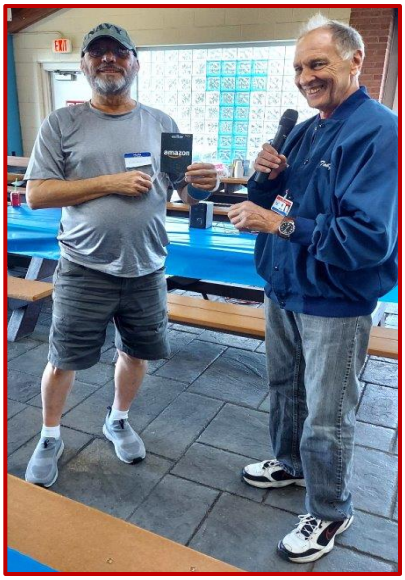
Helen, Jim, and John Dernar, NU8Y. Jim was visiting from Virginia.

Kim, KD8FTU, and Grandpa Mike, KB8UGT, introduced future ham, John, to the CARS family.

Toby, WT8O, burns 'em with guests waiting five deep at the grille.



Joe, KD8BAL, makes one last pitch for 50/50 tickets.



Always lucky - Bruno, W8BJS, wins an Amazon gift card.

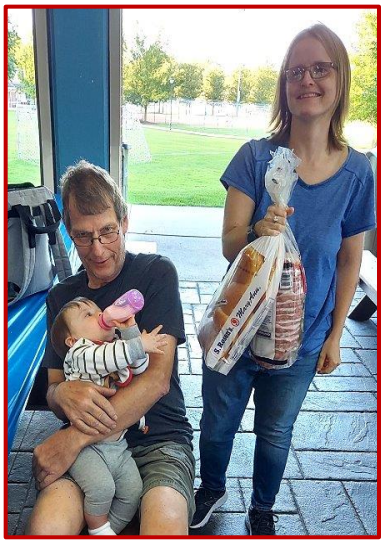
Joe, KD8BAL, wins a gift card from Friday's.

Master technician Scott, AC8NW, sets up the sound system to perfection.

Esther checks out the homemade desserts.

Mark, KC8ESG, can already taste the fare from Dunkin' Donuts.

Bob, KC8MRC, ponders his fate as he checks the numbers on his 50/50 ticket.



Kim, KD8FTU, wins big to help feed the young lad.

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50/50
KD8SCV

Audit
K8RJH ** WT8O, KD8FTS

Audio/Video
AC8NW **

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K8RJH **

Awards
WT8O ** W8GC

Christmas party & Summer Picnic
WT8O **, K8ARP, KD8FTU, KD8FTV, WJ8WM

Field Day
K8RGI **, WT8O **, K8ARP, KD8SCV, AC8NW, AC8TN, WT8O, K8RJH, WJ8WM

50/50
KD8SCV

Fund Raising
W8GC ** K8RJH, KE8OZU, WA8GCR

Hamvention Bus
KD8FTS **, WT8O

Club Historian
WT8O **

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KD8ACO **, WT8O, K8SHB

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KD8SCV

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WT8O ** W8GC

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W8GC donations to sell
WT8O Quartermaster

Public Services
KD8FTS **, K8ARP

QSL Manager - W8BM
W8MET **

Refreshments at Meetings & Picnic
K8RJH ** pop, NU8H ** Donuts, NU8Y ** Coffee

Scholarship
W8GC ** K8RGI, KE8OZU, WT8O, K8RJH

Sunshine (welfare)
Andy, KD8SCV ** 440-886-0723

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AC8NW ** N8OVW, WJ8WM, KD8ACO, K8RJH, KB8DTC, KC8ESG

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